

## EMERGENCY AMENDMENT TO THE MA-AMENDED IEBC-2009

BBRS action of 4/12/11

- (A) It has come to the attention of the BBRS and its staff that the use of MA-amended IEBC-2009, Chapter 3 “PRESCRIPTIVE COMPLIANCE METHOD” should be limited to existing buildings and existing structures that already reflect contemporary life safety design and construction; i.e., contemporary design and construction relating to required means of egress; fire protection; special use and occupancy; live and dead load, including seismic performance; etc.
- (B) To this end, the BBRS, at its 4/12/2011 monthly meeting voted the following EMERGENCY AMENDMENT (note that Chapters 1 and 3 captured in the Emergency amendment below refer to Chapters 1 and 3 of the IEBC-2009, thus Section 101.5.1 below is a MA-amendment to Chapter 1 of the IEBC-2009 and replaces an earlier MA-amendment to this same Section):

### EMERGENCY AMENDMENT

*101.5.1 Prescriptive compliance method. Chapter 3 of this code is allowed to be used for repairs, alterations, additions and changes of occupancy of existing buildings provided that such existing buildings were designed and constructed to the previous 6<sup>th</sup> Edition of the Massachusetts State Building Code or more recent Editions of the Massachusetts State Building Code or can demonstrate ‘equivalency’ to same.*

- (C) The complete promulgation of any amendment to 780 CMR requires conformance to certain internal controls and so it is possible that the subject voted Emergency Amendment (voted the afternoon of 4/12/2011) may not immediately reach the Massachusetts Register but the Reader is herein apprised of the intention of the BBRS and the intended limitations in the use of the MA-amended IEBC-2009, Chapter 3 PRESCRIPTIVE METHOD of compliance.